

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

## 1. A video/audio system comprising:

first information output means for outputting first video information and audio information to display means;

5 second information output means connected to said first information output means via a common signal line, for carrying out switching output of second video information and audio information to said display means; and

remote control means for selectively operating said first  
10 and second information output means from outside, wherein

said first and second information output means operate in one of single and combined circuit modes in response to a signal transmitted through the common signal line.

## 15 2. The video/audio system according to claim 1, wherein

said first information output means comprises:

first control means for making a decision as to operation contents of the remote control means, and for generating a control signal in response to the decision result; and

20 first information playback means for selecting at least one of first video information and audio information in response to an output of said first control means, and

said second information output means comprises:

second control means for generating a control signal  
25 in response to a signal transmitted from said first information output means on the common signal line;

second information playback means for supplying said display means with the second video information and audio information in response to the control signal from said second  
30 control means; and

switching means for carrying out switching output of the second video information and audio information from said second information playback means to said display means in response to the control signal from said second control means.

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3. The video/audio system according to claim 2, wherein

said first control means comprises external connection state decision means for recognizing an external connection state from at least the operation contents of said remote control means,

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said second control means comprises external connection decision/processing means for recognizing an external connection state and for carrying out corresponding processing in response to at least the signal output from said first control means via

15 a common signal line.